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CALTRANS REQUESTS PARTICIPATION ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SURVEY

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Caltrans announces the launch of the planning process for the first California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The visionary and comprehensive Plan will focus on improving safety and access for everyone across all transportation modes, particularly bicycle and pedestrian.

Caltrans has launched the Plan website at www.cabikepedplan.org, where visitors may take an online survey and sign up for email updates about new project information and outreach activities.

Public participation is critical to developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that strengthens bicycling and pedestrian safety and increases opportunities across the State. To achieve wide participation, Caltrans is engaging a broad range of stakeholders through targeted outreach activities statewide.

“More Californians are choosing alternatives to driving that have health benefits and cut greenhouse gases,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Caltrans will collaborate with a variety of stakeholders who have a stake in safe and accessible transportation in California.”

When completed, the Plan will provide a framework to guide the planning and development of non-motorized transportation on State facilities and maximize the use of future investments. It will also lead to improved connections between the State's bicycle and pedestrian facilities with the existing network and other modes of transportation, as well as help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicles miles traveled. The Plan will not replace but complement existing policies and implementation plans at the regional and local levels.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.

For traffic updates on other state highways on the central coast, motorists may call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit our website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm.

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